
MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-First Annual Session

OF THE

Alabama Baptist Association,

*Steep Creek Church, Lowndes Co.,
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Pursuant to adjournment, the delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association met at Steep Creek church, Lowndes county, on Friday, October 8th, 1880. In the absence of the appointees, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. J. Forrester; text, Phil. iii. 14.

After a recess of one hour, the delegates were called to order by the Moderator. The letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Centre Ridge—S. W. Lide.

Town Creek—S. W. Quarles, J. F. Ellis, L. L. Pierce.*

Bethany—E. F. BABER, H. W. Caffey, H. W. Hardy.

Sister Springs—T. J. Campbell,* Jack Day.*

Pleasant Hill—E. J. FORRESTER, J. R. Crumpton, J. H. Hickson.*

Shiloh—D. B. Edwards, B. D. Crum, T. K. Whitman.*

†Cedar Creek—J. F. Lee, Ithiel Ingram *

Elim, Autauga Co.—(Disbanded.)

SECOND DISTRICT.

New Bethel—G. O. Bruner, J. Strickland, W. B. Rhodes.*

Benton—J. C. Hill, J. M. SMOKE.*

Steep Creek—G. W. McQUEEN, R. Meadows, J. W. Thomas.

Hayneville—

Bethel—M. BISHOP, J. M. FORTUNE, R. D. Burt, S. S. Bishop.

Mt. Gilead—H. W. Edwards, Jas. Bryant,* M. H. Traylor.*

Ask Creek—A. Edwards, J. O. Robertson,* E. Lyon.*

Hopewell—D. LEE, W. S. Hagood, C. A. Gunn.

Good Hope—

†New Smyrna—M. BISHOP, J. T. Day.*

†Mountain Hill—J. G. Davis, John Leverett.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Salem—L. L. Aiken, A. B. Brassell, G. W. Bayzer.*

Autaugaville—Letter. No Delegates appointed.

Montgomery, First—A. B. WOODFIN, *J. T. Brooks*.

Montgomery, Adams Street—J. A. HOWARD, A. F. Childers, J. B. Bell.*

Liberty—

Union—J. A. Stringer, T. E. MORGAN,* J. W. Holloway.*

Mt. Lebanon—J. G. Jones, J. W. ORME,* M. D. Edwards.*

Pine Level—J. H. Dickson, E. J. Harris, N. Pitts.*

Unity—H. C. TAUL, M. D. Lamar.

Elim, Montgomery—W. G. Worrell.

Ramah—J. L. SAMPEY, B. A. JACKSON,* J. R. McLendon.*

Bethesda—T. A. Waters, W. R. Watson, J. A. Watson.*

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Greenville—B. H. CRUMPTON, J. M. Thigpen,* G. W. Thigpen.*

Philadelphia—

Antioch—H. Garrett, J. P. Gafford,* S. E. Thompson.*

Damascus—W. C. AVANT, P. A. Joiner, F. M. Address.

Hickory Grove—J. C. Fonville, P. P. Brady, W. P. McQueen.

Macedonia—F. E. May, H. S. Graydon, W. J. Harris.

New Ebenezer—W. H. Kilpatrick, C. C. Mothershed.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result: D. Lee, re-elected Moderator; E. F. Baber, re-elected Clerk; H. W. Caffey, Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, to report at this session:

On Religious Exercises—S. W. Lide, A. F. Childers, J. A. Stringer, and the Pastor and Deacons of Steep Creek church.

[Ordained ministers in SMALL CAPS; Licentiates in *italics*; Absentees*]

†Subsequently admitted, and ordered to be enrolled.

On Documents—J. A. Howard, H. C. Taul, J. L. Sampey, M. Bishop, B. D. Crum.

On the State of Religion in the Churches—B. H. Crumpton, J. G. Jones, H. Garrett, J. R. Crumpton, J. F. Ellis.

On Finance—D. B. Edwards, E. J. Harris, J. C. Hill.

Auditing Committee—J. F. Lee, C. A. Gunn, A. Edwards.

And the following to report next year:

On Missions—A. B. Woodfin, W. G. Worrell, J. W. Orme, J. C. Fonville, R. Meadows.

On Sabbath Schools—1st District, D. B. Edwards; 2d, R. M. Burt; 3d, J. H. Dickson; 4th, J. M. Thigpen. J. L. Sampey, Chairman.

On Education—J. M. Fortune, S. W. Quarles, G. W. McQueen, G. O. Bruner, J. L. Sampey.

The following new churches applied for admission into the body, and were received:

New Smyrna, Lowndes county.

Mountain Hill, Crenshaw county.

Cedar Creek (re-organized) Lowndes county.

Bro. H. W. Caffey offered a preamble and resolutions in regard to the request of the State Mission Board, which, after amendment, were adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, We believe it will help forward our work of raising funds for the various objects fostered by us, if we propose to ourselves definite figures towards which we may direct our efforts; therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, That we, the Alabama Association, adopt the suggestion of our State Mission Board, and endeavor, during the present Conventional year, to raise \$1866.37, as follows: For State Missions, \$937.93; for Home Missions \$351.72; for Foreign Missions \$351.72; for Ministerial Education \$225.00.

Resolved, 2d, That in order to carry this suggestion into practical effect, a committee of four, consisting of one from each district of the Association, be raised, to determine what proportion of this \$1866.37 would, in their judgment, be the equitable amount to be contributed by each church in the Association.

Resolved, 3d, That the churches of this Association be asked to adopt, and endeavor to raise the amounts thus suggested; and, in order that the request may be put directly before the churches, this committee be directed to address a letter to the pastor or the clerk of each church in the Association.

Resolved, 4th, That the committee shall report on Saturday.

And the following committee was appointed in accordance with

the foregoing 2d resolution: 1st District, E. J. Forrester; 2d, J. M. Fortune; 3d, A. B. Woodfin; 4th, B. H. Crumpton.

On the call for Correspondents, the following were reported and received:

State, Home and Foreign Mission Boards—Elder T. M. Bailey.

Cahaba Association—Elders T. M. Bailey, W. B. Crumpton.

Central Association—Elder H. C. Taul.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 9.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Bishop.

Bethesda church was, at her request, transferred from the 4th to the 3d district. The newly admitted churches were placed as they appear in the list of churches and delegates, pages 1 and 2.

Correspondence was returned, as follows:

To the Pine Barren Association—E. J. Forrester, J. F. Lee, S. W. Lide, B. D. Crum, B. H. Crumpton.

Bethlehem Association—J. A. Howard, A. B. Woodfin, B. H. Crumpton, M. Bishop.

Salem Association—J. H. Dickson, E. J. Harris, J. T. Brooks, L. L. Aiken, B. A. Jackson.

Centennial Association—J. L. Sampey, E. J. Harris, J. T. Brooks.

Cahaba Association—E. J. Forrester.

Zion Association—W. C. Avant, J. A. Stringer.

Central Association—A. B. Woodfin, J. A. Howard, A. F. Childers, W. G. Worrell, G. W. McQueen, L. L. Aiken.

Delegates to State Convention—E. J. Harris, A. Edwards, H. W. Caffey, J. H. Dickson, L. L. Aiken, J. C. Hill, F. E. May, J. W. Orme, W. H. Kilpatrick, J. A. Stringer.

Elder Woodfin, from the Committee appointed under the 2d resolution in regard to the request of the State Mission Board, which was adopted on yesterday, made a report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO REQUEST OF STATE MISSION BOARD.

We, your Committee appointed to carry out the spirit of the resolutions offered by Bro. Caffey, beg leave to report as follows:

That we believe that the churches of this Association are both able

and willing to contribute for the various benevolent objects fostered by our denomination the amount suggested by our State Mission Board, viz: \$1866.39.

Your Committee suggest that the churches of the Association contribute as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Centre Ridge,	\$35 00	Pleasant Hill	\$75 00
Town Creek,	75 00	Shiloh	35 00
Bethany	50 00	Cedar Creek	10 00
Sister Springs	5 00		
		TOTAL,	\$285 00

SECOND DISTRICT.

Hopewell	\$100 00	Mt. Gilead	\$50 00
Ash Creek	25 00	New Bethel.	30 00
Hayneville	25 00	Benton	25 00
Steep Creek.. . . .	75 00	New Smyrna	5 00
Bethel	75 00	Mountain Hill	5 00
Good Hope	10 00		
		TOTAL,	\$425 00

THIRD DISTRICT.

Salem	\$20 00	Pine Level.. . . .	40 00
Autaugaville	5 00	Unity	50 00
First Montgomery.	600 00	Elim (Montgomery).. . . .	25 00
Adams Street.	100 00	Ramah.	40 00
Liberty	20 00	Bethesda	20 00
Union	20 00		
Mt. Lebanon	25 00	TOTAL,.. . . .	\$965 00

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Greenville	\$125 00	Hickory Grove	\$25 00
Philadelphia	10 00	Macedonia	20 00
Antioch	15 00	New Ebenezer	10 00
Damascus	15 00		
		TOTAL,	\$220 00

Making a grand total of. \$1895 00
Respectfully submitted,

E. J. FORRESTER.
A. B. WOODFIN.
J. M. FORTUNE.
B. H. CRUMPTON.

On motion, the 1st resolution in regard to the request of the State Mission Board as amended and adopted on yesterday, was reconsidered, and it was so amended as to make the total amount asked of the churches conform more nearly to that suggested in the foregoing Committee report. And on motion, it was ordered that the amounts to be raised for the Home and the Foreign Mission Board shall be equal, viz. \$351.72 for each Board.

Elder Crumpton presented the report of the Committee on Missions. After some discussion, the Association took a recess of one hour.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The consideration of the report on Missions was resumed, and after further remarks by brethren was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Missions, no longer an experiment, has assumed such proportions, and made such strides in the world, that it would appear almost preposterous to vindicate them, or, by argument, urge them upon the attention of the people, other than as a stimulus to action. All the progressive organizations claiming to be christian, heartily endorse them in theory, if not by practice.

The spirit of Missions is the spirit of the Gospel, and the church that is devoid of this spirit lies under sentence of condemnation, even though it may be called a Missionary Baptist church.

The commission is, "Go into all the world," &c. Every true Gospel church is organized upon a professed faith of the Gospel testimony. In receiving Christ we receive his orders. Should there be a failure, therefore, to advance when it is possible, it must certainly be accounted to us as "unbelief." If the Master says "Go," and we refuse, what is it but repudiation of His authority?

A brief summary of work we deem necessary.

Of the work of the State Board we herein insert the summary statement of the Board in its report to the Convention held in Greenville, namely:

Weeks services, 615, equal to $11\frac{3}{4}$ years of one man; sermons, 2377; addresses, 684; baptisms, 164; baptisms in connection with labors of missionaries 228; received by letter into pastorless churches, 78; restored, 16; churches constituted, 13; Sabbath schools organized, 96; Sabbath school Conventions, 2; prayer meetings organized, 73 Ladies' Missionary Societies organized, 2; visits to churches, 946; visits to preaching stations 425; religious visits, 1519; subscribers to "Alabama Baptist" secured, 320; district meetings attended, 16; association meetings attended 15; deacons assisted in ordaining, 36; ministers assisted in ordaining, 6; collected for Home Missions \$166.07; collected for Foreign Missions, \$136.27; miles traveled, 31,734

Of the work of the Foreign and Home Boards, without entering into detail as to results, we simply give a relative statement as in comparison with results of ministerial labors at home. In the Foreign field there were reported ninety-eight conversions in the work of the last year in China, which is a greater average to the minister than here, under the most favorable circumstances. Besides, this being foundation work, or the planting of the leaven of Gospel truth, it is impossible to compute the value of the result.

The plan of the work of Missions as now pursued, as reported by a judicious Committee at the late Convention at Greenville, we deem most admirable, practical and scriptural.

Leaving the churches at perfect liberty to adopt any method which they in their sovereignty may see fit, and any amount they may feel constrained to raise; yet to strengthen and facilitate the work, it is recommended that all contributions be turned over to the State Board, which in co-operation with the churches, shall make such appointments as are best suited to each specific work; make contracts with every employe, disburse all funds, and decide the nature of the work, and designate the territory.

Believing that a Board of discreet and pious men, who make it their business to enquire into the wants of the various fields, and gather all the available information necessary for its success, are better prepared for the successful prosecution of the enterprise than a few scattered, independent local churches, comparatively undrilled, and hence, unsystematised, therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That this Association does most heartily endorse the action of the late Convention in regard to the Mission work of the State of Alabama.

Resolved, 2d, That we recommend to the churches an unreserved co-operation with the Board in this grand work.

Resolved, 3d, That each church appoint a man to make these interests his special work, who, in conjunction with the pastor, shall maturely consider the best method and most suitable times for collections, and put himself in direct communication with the Board, reporting progress and forwarding contributions, &c.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. CRUMPTON, Chm'n.

REPORT OF DISTRICT EVANGELIST.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Evangelist entered upon his duties Feb. 1st. He reports the following work done in your bounds: Sermons preached, 110; churches visited, 34, (most of them twice); miles traveled 1200; days labored, 102; Sabbath schools organized, 3; Mission societies organized, 1; one church re-organized with 21 members; baptized, 1; collected for State Missions, about \$300. The Secretary of the Board has the exact amount, and the churches all have receipts given by me for amounts paid.

The following is a summary of my work in the whole field from Feb. 1st to Oct. 1st:

Sermons, 235; days labored, 211; miles traveled, 2156; churches visited, 78; subscribers to Alabama Baptist, 160; addresses delivered, 30; deacons ordained, 4; baptized 2; received by letter, 24; pages of tracts distributed, 2000.

Believing that church development was the most important theme I could dwell upon, I have labored in that direction, hence I have only two baptisms to report. When I have preached only a sermon or two in a protracted meeting, and then passed on, I have not reported the baptisms there as connected with my labors. I have received a hearty welcome from all the churches and most of the ministers. I

can't say there is much destitution in your bounds. With the exception of two or three places, I may say you have churches enough. You have a large territory where there are no churches, but there are very few white people living there. Some of your churches have no Sabbath schools, and I am at loss to know how they may be induced to engage in this important work. Very few of the churches have prayer meetings. Many of the church houses are very uncomfortable, some in a dilapidated condition. I have given more time and labor to your Association than to the other bodies in my field. I have done what I could, and am willing for the brethren to decide as to the value of my labors. In conclusion, I appeal to you to do something for the churches at Autaugaville and Farmersville. I also call your attention to Lowndesboro as an important point which ought to be occupied by Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. CRUMPTON, District Evangelist.

The regular order was suspended to give opportunity for contributions to aid Cedar Creek church in building or repairing a house of worship. Amount contributed \$24.40.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

To preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, Elder T. M. Bailey.

To preach to-morrow at 2 o'clock, Elder B. H. Crumpton.

To preach Introductory sermon at next session, Elder M. Bishop. Alternate, Elder E. J. Forrester.

Missionary sermon on Sunday, Elder A. B. Woodfin, (Elder B. H. Crumpton was subsequently put in place of Elder Woodfin). Alternate, Elder J. W. Orme.

Elder Sampey, from Committee on Sabbath schools, presented his report. On motion, its further consideration was postponed till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Elder Crumpton made a report on the State of Religion in the churches, which was adopted:

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

While in a few instances there seems to be religious dearth, many of the churches report great revivals; and judging from the increase of benevolence, as is patent, there is a general religious improvement. The outlook is certainly encouraging. As in the statistical table of the minutes will appear the accessions and the losses, your Committee deem it unnecessary to enter into detail in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. CRUMPTON, Ch'm.

Elder Forrester offered a resolution, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO AGED AND INFIRM INDIGENT MINISTERS.

Resolved, That a Committee of four, consisting of one from each district of this Association, be appointed to solicit funds for aged and infirm indigent ministers; and that the said Committee be directed to report their labors to the Central Committee appointed by our last State Convention and located at Selma, consisting of Brethren W. C. Ward, H. S. D. Mallory, and H. A. Haralson. And the said Committee shall also report to this Association.

The following brethren were appointed in accordance with the foregoing resolution: 1st District, D. B. Edwards; 2d, H. W. Caffey; 3d, J. H. Dickson; 4th, W. Martin.

On motion of Elder B. H. Crumpton, the regular order was suspended to allow contributions for the venerable Dr. Dagg. Result, \$17.50.

Elder Sampey made a report on Documents, which was adopted:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee find in the letters the following items of interest: Benton Ladies' Aid Society sends \$5.00 to be appropriated by the Association.

Cedar Creek church asks for aid to enable her to repair her house of worship or to build a new one.

Damascus church has licensed W. C. T. Moseley to preach, and ordained Joseph Andrews and Henry Roach as deacons. Unity and Ramer churches request the Association to convene with them next year.

Hopewell church reports very liberal contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions, and also \$100 for the evangelization of the colored race—reporting a total of \$544.05, and manifesting a spirit worthy of emulation.

Ash Creek reports the death of Deacon Jesse Robertson.

Autaugaville asks for a continuance of Baptist preaching.

J. A. HOWARD, Chm'n.

On motion, the \$5.00 sent by the Ladies' Aid Society of Benton church, mentioned in above report, was given to the Foreign Mission Board.

The delegates from the 3d district were requested to retire and decide as to the church within said district with which the Association shall meet next year. On returning to the house they reported in favor of Unity church, at Prattville.

On motion of Elder Howard, the Adams Street church, Montgomery, was substituted for Unity church.

T. C. Watts, former Treasurer of the Association, submitted his

report for 1878-79, which was not presented last year on account of his absence. Referred to Auditing Committee.

THADDEUS C. WATTS, Treasurer, in account with Alabama Baptist Association:

	Dr.
To balance on hand for Associational Purposes.	\$69 11
To cash received for Minute Fund.	58 90
To cash received for Home Mission Board	86 00
To cash received for Foreign Mission Board.	151 40
To cash received for Ministerial Education Fund.	107 75
To cash received for State Mission Board.	387 45
To cash received for Associational Purposes	22 60
To cash received for Baptist Theological Seminary	100 00
To cash received for Elim Church.	2 50
TOTAL,	\$985 71

	Cr.
By cash paid Clerk for Minutes.	\$58 90
By cash paid Wm. H. McIntosh and others	86 00
By cash paid H. A. Tupper and others	151 40
By cash paid J. T. Murfee and others	107 75
By cash paid T. M. Bailey and others.	387 45
To cash paid J. M. Smoke and others.	19 60
To cash paid Baptist Theological Seminary.	100 00
To cash paid Elim Church.	2 50
To balance on hand for Associational Purposes.	72 11—985 71

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. WATTS.

Audited and found correct.

C. A. GUNN, Chm'n. Aud. Com.

H. W. Caffey, who was appointed Treasurer *pro tem.* at last session, submitted his report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

H. W. CAFFEY, Treasurer, in account with Alabama Baptist Association.

	Dr.
To amount Minute Fund, cash	\$61 15
To amount Foreign Mission Fund, cash	29 65
To amount State Mission Fund, cash.	165 00
To amount Home Mission Fund, cash	58 60
To amount Ministerial Educational Fund, cash.	71 90
To amount Associational Fund, cash.	39 45

VOUCHERS.

To amount Ministerial Educational Fund	\$16 75
To amount Home Mission Fund	10 90
To amount State Mission Fund.	155 30
Dr. J. B. Hawthorn's Certificate of money paid for Home, State, and Foreign Missions, &c.,	751 00
H. W. Caffey's Certificate of money paid for Home, State, and Foreign Missions, &c	47 00
To amount for Bro. Smoke's Library.	33 00
To amount contributed to Dr. J. L. Dagg	20 65—1460 35

	Cr.
By amount E. F. Baber's receipt Minute Fund, Vr. 1. . . .	\$61 15
By amount Rev. T. M. Bailey's receipt For. Miss. Fund, Vr. 2. . .	29 65
By amount Rev. T. M. Bailey's recp't State Miss. Fund, Vr. 3. . .	165 00
By amount Rev T. M. Bailey's recp't Home Miss. Fund, Vr. 4. . .	58 60
By amount W. P. Rice's recp't Min. Ed. Fund, Vr. 5.	71 90
By amount B. H. Crumpton's recp't Min. Ed. Fund, Vr. 6. . . .	16 75
By amount Rev. W. H. McIntosh recp't Home Miss. Fund, Vr. 7	10 90
By amount T. M. Bailey's recp't State Miss. Fund, Vr. 8. . . .	155 30
By amount J. B. Hawthorns Cer. Home, State Miss. &c, Vr. 9. . .	751 00
By amount H. W. Caffey's Cer. State, For. Miss. &c., Vr. 10 . .	47 00
By amount J. M. Smoke's recp't for Lib. Fund, Vr. 11.	33 00
By amount Dr. Dagg's recp't, Vr. 12	20 65
Ay amount cash on hand	39 45-1460 35

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

Consideration of the report on Sabbath schools was resumed. After remarks by Bro. J. H. Dickson, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Elder T. M. Bailey preached at 11 o'clock, after which a collection was taken up for Missions, amounting to \$53.60.

Elder B. H. Crumpton preached at 2 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

After prayer by Bro. Sampey, consideration of the report on Sabbath schools was resumed. Bro. Dickson offered an amendment, which was ordered appended to the report, and as thus amended the report was adopted:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Chairman finds it very difficult to make a report, from the fact that the Committeemen do not make reports to him.

One of the Committee, viz: Bro. J. H. Dickson, takes great interest in the work, and has made a written report to me. He has written seven letters and twelve postal cards in the interest of the work; has made many talks public and private, and has held one meeting at Ramer to consider the better plans for the work; also, one Convention at Mt. Lebanon church. He has collected for Sabbath school literature, \$23.70; for the Alabama Baptist, \$30.50.

Bro. H. W. Caffey reports verbally that he held one Convention in his district.

There are many difficulties in keeping up a Sabbath school in country churches. In cities and villages, where people live convenient, it is an easy matter for a few *live* brethren to keep an *evergreen* school; but where people have to travel from one to five miles through the mud, it is no easy task to keep a school moving all the year; nevertheless, where there is a will, there is generally a way. Brethren ought to make sacrifices and endeavor to meet every Sabbath to

study God's Word. When the parents attend it is easy to get the children to go.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. SAMPEY, Chm'n.

AMENDMENT TO THE ABOVE.

As your Committeeman in the work of the Sabbath school cause, I have been greatly impressed with the necessity of greater *system* in conducting the exercises of the Sabbath school. I therefore beg to suggest the following

Plan for conducting a Sabbath School.

1. Singing—the entire School taking part.
2. Reading Scripture. Would advise reading the Lesson for the day, the Superintendent and the School alternating, he reading the first verse, the School the second, and so on to the end.
3. Prayer—short, appropriate and practical.
4. Roll Call. Having given the School a key-word the previous Sabbath, each pupil, when his or her name is called, repeats a verse from Scripture with that word in it.
5. Formation of classes for recitation; so arranging each grade of classes that Superintendent may review.
6. Review (by Superintendent, or some one appointed by him) of Lesson of previous Sabbath. This gives two Lessons each Sabbath, and besides, the public review will be of interest to the School and to visitors.
7. Call the School to the front, and to order.
8. Business, &c.; also, give an opportunity for remarks.
9. Singing—the entire School taking part.
10. Closing ceremony. I would suggest to Superintendents that they have the songs already selected, and other matters prepared as far as practicable, so that when the School is called to order it will not be delayed or confused during the exercises.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE H. DICKSON.

Elder Bishop, from the Committee on Education, made a report, which was amended and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is now too late in the day of progress for us to array before the Alabama Association the many reasons for the education of our sons and daughters, and especially the rising ministry among us. And as education does not consist in the stuffing process, but in disciplining and expanding the mind by the severe sciences, so that every mind may think, and think for itself; and as we are fully persuaded there are no institutions in the State better qualified to accomplish this desired end than our own Howard and Judson, which were established in the prayers, sympathies and money of our fathers, who have bequeathed these sacred trusts to us, their descendants we feel it

to be our *interest*, and that we are under the most solemn obligations to encourage their perpetuation by sending them our children to educate, and encouraging others to do the same. But while we feel that these two institutions have of right the first place in the great heart of Alabama Baptists, we also sympathize with brethren in other parts of the State in their laudable efforts to create an educational interest in their respective sections. And in this connection we would call attention to the Male High School and the South Alabama Female Institute, both located at Greenville, within your bounds, and which are under the special care of our church in that city. These schools have risen to positions of influence and importance in the great work of education, and we are pleased to learn that they stand high in the esteem of those who have had opportunity to test their usefulness.

We should never lose sight of the grand object of our fathers in planting the Howard and the Judson to give a first class education to the youth of the State. We are proud to know that the Howard has been for sometime self-sustaining, and in the future all it needs is our sons to educate, and the endowment of a professorship. We call attention to the following resolution of our late State Convention:

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that at an early day an effort be made by the Board of Trustees to endow a professorship in Howard College of at least twenty-five thousand dollars.”

This institution has been calling upon the denomination for its co-operation in educating those who are desirous of becoming more efficient in the ministry of the Word of Life, and we should esteem it a great privilege, and duty as well, to give of our means; and we earnestly commend the churches of this body to remember in their yearly contributions this branch of educational interest, which appeals to us with such force because of its peculiar importance.

At the last session of this body a resolution was adopted to raise a fund to be loaned, without interest, to aid one or more who shall be selected by a Committee of this body. We recommend that this resolution be carried out.

Your Committee would suggest that we live in an age of progress, an age of light, and still just beyond lies the new, the beautiful, the grand, the sublime and the useful. Mind is expanding, the world is moving, christians are devising new things, the ministry everywhere are being educated to meet the tide of infidelity supposed to be flooding in from the East. Let us be enthused by this spirit pervading all places and people; but let us always remember, and never forget, that it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit and Word of God that we are to succeed; and that our actions, our speech, and our preaching are not to be with “enticing words of man’s wisdom,” but that it is “with demonstration of the Spirit” and power of God’s Word we conquer; that men’s faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Let us ever remember that God accomplishes his purposes in nature and in grace by the *most unlikely means, to encourage faith*. The stammerer, Moses, is sent as an ambassador to the court of Pharaoh; the walls of Jericho are thrown down by

empty trumpets; the rod is used to rend the rock; eyes are opened by the use of clay made of spittle; the world was to be evangelized by fishermen. Let us remember that all the educational advantages bestowed upon our rising ministry will only make them "tinkling cymbals" without the polish and power they must receive by tarrying at Jerusalem to be indued with power from on high. They must all be taught of God.

Respectfully submitted,

M. BISHOP.
G. W. McQUEEN.

Bro. Gunn, of the Auditing Committee, reported that there are \$123.61 unappropriated in the Treasurer's hands, accumulated last year and the year previous.

On motion of Elder Sampey, the sum mentioned was turned over to the State Mission Board, with directions that it be expended in supplying preaching at Hayneville, Cedar Creek church (Farmersville), Lowndesboro and Autaugaville.

On motion, the collection of yesterday (\$53.60) was divided equally between the State, Home, and Foreign Mission Boards.

On motion, business was suspended to allow Bro. Dickson to solicit subscribers for the "Alabama Baptist"

Elder Fortune, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Association, submitted the report of said Board, which was adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Your Board appointed at the last session of your body to examine applicants for assistance from the Association report:

That only one young man, Bro. Nandy Thomasson, applied to us for funds. Though an entire stranger to us, he came recommended by some good brethren, and by the Adams Street church, Montgomery, of which he was a member, and which, in her letter, requested the Association to aid him in obtaining an education. The Board, therefore, adopted, and sent him to the Greenville Male High school from Oct. 20th, 1879, to June 12th, 1880,—nearly eight months. Our receipts and disbursements are shown by our Treasurer's report, which accompanies this, the sum total of which is as follows: Received from various sources \$154.85; paid out \$154.60. Balance on hand 25c.

Bro. Thomasson is again at school in Greenville, and asks for further help in the way of funds.

D. LEE, President.

On motion of Elder Crumpton, the same Board of Education was re-appointed. The following resolution was offered by Elder Howard, and adopted.

RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to send the beneficiaries of this Association to Howard College whenever practicable.

The Finance Committee presented its report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion of Elder Sampey, the Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the Minutes printed as the funds for that purpose will pay for, after deducting \$25 for the labor and expense of preparing, superintending the printing, and mailing of the same.

Elder Sampey offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the members of Steep Creek church, and the citizens of this community, for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

On motion, the Association resolved to meet next year on Thursday, instead of Friday, before the 2d Sabbath in October. And it was ordered that the introductory sermon be preached at night.

Elder Howard offered the following, which was adopted:

THANKS TO RAIL ROAD.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the L. & N. Railroad Company for the reduction in its rates allowed to our delegates.

There being no further business, the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung and the parting hand extended, the Moderator led in prayer, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Adams Street church, in Montgomery, on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1881.

D. LEE, Moderator.

E. F. BABER, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS IN ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

LICENTIATES IN ITALICS.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
David Lee,	Mt. Willing,, . .	Lowndes.
M. Bishop,	Fort Deposit, . .	"
J. M. Fortune,	" "	"
A. F. Goldsmith,	Calhoun,	"
G. W. McQueen,	Hayneville,	"
E. F. Baber,	Colirene,	"
J. M. Smoke,	Benton,	"
A. D. Woodfin, D.D.,	Montgomery, . . .	Montgomery.
J. A. Howard,	"	"
T. J. Miles,	"	"
<i>J. T. Brooks,</i>	"	"
B. A. Jackson,	Ramer,	"
J. L. Sampey,	"	"
J. W. Orme,	"	"
P. W. Speer,	"	"
Rob't. Blan,	Pine Level,	"
B. H. Crumpton,	Greenville,	Butler.
<i>W. C. T. Moseley,</i>	"	"
W. C. Avant,	Honoraville,	Crenshaw.
T. E. Morgan,	"	"
J. T. Davidson,	"	"
<i>J. R. Sampey,</i>	Marion,	Perry.
<i>T. E. Williams,</i>	Pleasant Hill, . . .	Dallas.

Form of Church Letter

RECOMMENDED FOR USE BY THE CHURCHES.

The Baptist Church of Christ to the
Alabama Baptist Association :

DEAR BRETHREN :—We have appointed as Delegates to your Body
.
and as Alternates

STATISTICS.

Baptized . . . ; Rec'd by Letter . . . ; by Voucher . . . ; Restored . . . ;
Dismissed by Letter . . . ; Died . . . ; Excluded . . . ; Number of Members
. . . ; Increase . . . ; Decrease . . .

[Here state whether you have a Sabbath School; if so, how often it meets,
and the number each of Teachers and Pupils. Whether you have a Prayer Meet-
ing, and how often it meets. And whether you have a Missionary Society, &c.]

We send contributions as follows:

For Minutes	\$. . .			
Home and Indian Missions, Cash, \$. . .		Voucher, \$. . .		Total, \$. . .
Foreign Missions, " \$. . .		" \$. . .		" \$. . .
State Missions, " . . .		" . . .		" . . .
Ministerial Education, . . " . . .		" . . .		" . . .
Indigent Ministers' Fund, . " . . .		" . . .		" . . .
For " . . .		" . . .		" . . .
" " . . .		" . . .		" . . .
" " . . .		" . . .		" . . .
Aggregate, " \$. . .		" \$. . .		" . . .

Of which \$. . . is to redeem previous pledges for
Pastor . . . , Clerk . . . Clerk's Post Office . . . County . . .

Sabbath Meeting

[Here make brief mention of Revival, Ordination, Licensure, death of Min-
ister or Deacon, or other matter of importance.]

By order of Conference,

. Moderator.
. Clerk.

Date,

RULES OF ORDER FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At every annual meeting of this Association, immediately after the delegates' names are enrolled, tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from their number a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices until new ones are chosen.

2. The Moderator shall take the Chair every day, at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum shall cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

3. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to the points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Association.

4. He shall rise to up a question, but may state it sitting.

5. Questions shall be distinctly put; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of a contrary opinion shall say no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide; those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially directed by the Association.

7. In all cases of election the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote unless the body be equally divided; in that event he shall give the casting vote. He may speak to any question, provided he call some other member to occupy the Chair while he is speaking.

8. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates; minute the proceedings of the body, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

9. The Treasurer shall receive, account for and pay out all moneys belonging to this body, according to the instructions of the Association, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

DECORUM IN DEBATE.

10. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat, and shall respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities.

11. If any member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may call him to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without any debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed in case any member object, without leave of the Association.

12. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the member who is first to speak.

13. No member shall speak more than once to the same question without leave of the Association, unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending; in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

14. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, shall give his vote unless the Association for special reasons excuse him.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Moderator and read aloud before debated.

16. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Chair or any member desire it.

17. After a motion is stated by the Chair, or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the body, but may be withdrawn by leave of the Association at any time before a decision or amendment.

18. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged; and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

19. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, except the Association be engaged in voting.

20. A motion to lay on the table shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except a member be speaking, or the body engaged in voting.

21. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise without debate.

22. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments, reported by Committee, if any; upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

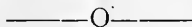
23. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

24. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

25. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator, nor leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

26. Should any member of this Association absent himself before the close of the session without permission from the body, he shall be marked in the Minutes as absent without leave.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.



1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Recess.
3. Organization.
4. Admission of New Churches.
5. Correspondence.
6. Appoint Committees.
7. Report of Executive Board.
8. Report of Committees.
9. Treasurer's Report.
10. Appoint time and place of meeting.
11. Miscellaneous.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES, &c.	Minutes	Home Missions ..	Foreign Missions...	State Missions.....	Ministerial Education...	Indigent Ministers Fund...	So. Baptist Theo. Seminary.....	Endowment Howard College..	Evangelization Col. Race.....	Total.....
Center Ridge	\$ 2 00		8 45	36 95						\$ 47 40
S School				3 00						3 00
Miss'y Society				9 35						9 35
Town Creek	3 00	3 00	7 50	9 50		10 00	6 25	6 00		45 25
Miss'y Society	1 00	3 75	3 25	11 60	10 00		5 25			16 85
Bethany			16 35	5 00			6 50			75 00
Miss'y Society						6 00	4 00			31 35
Sister Springs	2 00									2 00
Pleasant Hill	1 50	4 00	6 00	56 00	8 50					76 00
Shiloh	1 50	21 20		21 60		4 50				48 80
New Bethel	2 03			20 00						22 00
Benton	1 00			28 25						29 25
Miss'y Society			5 00							5 00
Steep Creek	3 75	5 85		10 00		4 25				28 75
Hayneville			5 00	18 00						23 00
Bethel	3 00	4 20	8 45	42 85		2 70				61 20
Mt. Gilead	2 00			40 50	5 00					47 50
Miss'y Society				15 00						15 00
Ash Creek	50			44 75	10 00					55 25
Hopewell	2 50	105 80	200 00	135 15				100 00		543 45
Cedar Creek	1 50									1 50
Salem	2 00			18 65						20 65
Montgomery First	3 00	100 00	100 00		25 00		50 00			278 00
Adams Street	2 50		5 00	5 00	59 00					71 75
Union	2 50			7 25						9 50
Mt. Lebanon	1 50		6 67	6 67		4 75				19 59
Pine Level	1 25	1 00	8 20	14 40	1 00					25 85
Unity	2 50	5 60	5 55							13 65
Elim (Montgomery Co.)	1 00	4 45	4 25	14 90						24 40
Ramah	2 25		10 00	12 50						24 75
New Smyrna	1 50									1 50
Mountain Hill	1 25									1 25
Greenville	4 00			70 00						74 00
Miss'y Society					10 00					10 00
Antioch	1 50			5 00						6 50
Damascus	3 00	5 00		5 00	1 25	1 85				16 10
Hickory Grove	1 50	2 00	2 00	20 00	11 50					37 00
Macedonia	2 00			12 50						14 50
New Ebenezer	2 50	5 00								7 50
Bethesda	2 00			3 25						5 25
S S Bishop					10 00					10 00
W P Bullock				5 00						5 00
E J Harris					1 25					1 25
Total	64 40	270 65	407 17	758 62	152 50	34 05	71 50	6 00	100 00	1864 89

The Sabbath collection amounted to \$53.13 which was divided equally between the three Mission Boards. A collection for the benefit of Cedar Creek Church, amounted to \$24.40; and for Dr. Dagg, \$17.50. The \$100 contributee by Hopewell Church for the evangelization of the colored people, is to be expended within the bounds of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERKS' POST OFFICE.	County	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Voucher	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Number of Members	Increase	Decrease	Ladies Socy.	Prayer Meetings	Sabbath Schools	Teachers	Pupils	Meetings	Sabbath
1st District																			
Center Ridge	J. West	J. W. Dennis	Miner	D	5	7	2	6	1	72	3	22		27		3	20	2	2
Town Creek	J. M. Fortune	J. F. Ellis	Benton	D	9	7	6	1	5	65	10	1	1 w w	27		3	22	4	2
Bellevue	J. M. Fortune	J. W. Dunklin	Collins	B	14	3	3	2	1	68	11	1	1 w w	1 w w		2	22	4	2
Sister Springs	J. M. Smoke	J. M. Carrier	Benton	B	14	6	2	2	1	13	1	1	1 w w	1 w w		2	25	8	4
Pleasant Hill	E. J. Porter	J. R. Crumpton	Pleasant Hill	D	4	6	1	4	3	50	3	3	1 w w	1 w w		4	25	1	
Shiloh	E. J. Baker	J. B. Crum	Mush Creek	B	4	6	1	4	3	25	3	4		1 w w		4	12		
Cedar Creek	Missionary	Label Ingram	Farmersville	L	2	2	2	2	1	21	4	4							
2d District																			
New Rebel	J. E. Bruner	J. R. Stamps	Briggs Store	L	2	2	2	2	1	71	22	22						1	1
Benton	J. M. Smoke	J. C. Hill	Benton	L	1	5	2	2	1	19	4	4	1 w w	1 w w		3	18	2	2
Steep Creek	J. W. McQueen	J. W. Thomas	Morgansville	L	14	5	1	3	4	84	16	1	1 w w	1 w w		3	25	1	4
Rebel	J. M. Fortune	R. M. Bart	Fort Deposit	B	16	3	1	2	5	155	10	1	1 w w	1 w w		5	20	18	3
Mt. Gilfed	J. M. Smoke	J. W. Robinson	Benton	L	3	3	2	2	2	36	1	4	1 w w	1 w w		2	20	3	3
Asht Creek	E. P. Baker	A. Edwards	Morgansville	L	3	3	3	2	2	30	2	2						18	3
Hopewell	D. Lee	C. A. Gums	Mt. Willing	L	3	1	1	1	1	106	2	2						2	2
New Smyrna	M. Bishop	J. H. Porterfield	Fort Deposit	M	6	1	1	1	1	33	6	6						4	1
Mountain Hill	W. H. Dean	J. G. Davis	Hayneville	L	2	2	2	2	2	15	2	2							
*Hayneville	N. Thompson	A. Varner	Greenville	L	3	3	3	3	3	31	3	3							
*Good Hope	John Penger	John Penger	Greenville	B	1	1	1	1	1	31	1	1							
3d District																			
Salem	J. W. Orme	J. G. Jackson	Montgomery	M	1	1	1	1	1	36	4	4				2	15	2	2
Antungville	W. P. Sheer	O. W. VanDever	Antungville	M	2	13	20	4	18	11	37	37	1 w w	1 w w		26	246	18	2
Montgomery First	J. A. Howell	A. P. Chalkin	Montgomery	M	2	13	20	4	18	392	56	10	1 w w	1 w w		10	160	85	1
Adams St. Along St.	J. W. Orme	F. M. Nickols	Pine Level	M	4	4	1	1	1	56	10	10	1 w w	1 w w		5	30	1	1
Unity	W. C. Ayatt	J. A. Stagner	Honorsville	M	4	4	1	1	1	10	3	3	1 w w	1 w w		2	15	4	4
Mt. Lebanon	B. A. Jackson	W. P. Nottet	Kemer	M	1	1	1	1	1	87	1	1	1 w w	1 w w		2	15	4	4
Unity	H. C. Tait	N. Plunkett	Prattville	A	1	1	1	1	1	55	7	7	1 w w	1 w w		8	15	4	4
Pine Level	J. S. Yarnough	W. G. W.	Pine Level	A	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	2	1 w w	1 w w		4	75	3	3
Phin. Mott y	B. A. Jackson	W. G. W.	Montgomery	M	7	9	1	1	1	86	8	8	1 w w	1 w w		2	19	2	2
Rebel	B. A. Jackson	A. L. Clutter	Kemer	M	1	1	1	1	1	53	8	8	1 w w	1 w w		2	15	3	3
*J. W. Orme	J. W. Orme	J. F. Boyd	Kemer	M	1	1	1	1	1	53	8	8	1 w w	1 w w		2	15	3	3
4th District																			
Greenville	B. H. Crumpton	J. A. Harris	Greenville	B	35	18	27	3	3	175	29	1 w w	1 w w	15	150	124	1	1	1
*Bladephila	M. Bishop	J. T. Edwards	Greenville	B	3	3	3	3	3	51	3	3	1 w w	1 w w		5	38	1	1
Harrodsburg	W. C. Smith	S. P. Adams	Greenville	B	3	3	3	3	3	101	3	3	1 w w	1 w w		10	38	3	3
Hickory Grove	G. W. McQueen	D. Kim	Leitchfield	L	2	11	2	2	2	27	6	6	1 w	1 w		2	4	4	2
Macdonald	W. C. Ayatt	J. P. May	Fort Deposit	L	4	4	4	4	4	46	4	4							
New Ebenezer	N. Thompson	J. H. Cook	Argus	L	4	4	4	4	4	43	4	4							
TOTAL				144	107	2513	179	39	45	2768	119	110	8	16	20	100	850		

* Not having sent letters, (1/2 Clerk was governed by last report). † Licensed 1 to preach.





COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

ON MISSIONS.

A. B. WOODFIN,
J. C. FONVILLE,

J. W. ORME,

W. G. WORRELL,
R. MEADOWS.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:

D. B. EDWARDS,
J. M. THIGPEN,

J. H. DICKSON,
J. L. SAMPEY, Chairman.

R. M. BURT,

ON EDUCATION.

J. M. FORTUNE,
G. O. BRUNER,

G. W. McQUEEN,

S. W. QUARLES,
J. L. SAMPEY.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

D. LEE, President, Mt. Willing.

J. M. FORTUNE, Sec'y, Fort Deposit.

W. P. RICE, Treasurer, Fort Deposit.

G. W. McQUEEN,

R. M. BURT.

To Preach Introductory Sermon—M. Bishop. Alternate, E. J. Forrester.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—B. H. Crumpton. Alternate, J. W. Orme.

COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR AGED AND INFIRM INDIGENT MINISTERS.

D. B. EDWARDS,

J. H. DICKSON.
W. MARTIN.

H. W. CAFFEY.

NOTE.—After the adjournment of the Association, an important report was retained by the brother who made it, for the purpose of putting it in better form. It was promptly transmitted to me, but failed to reach me; hence the delay in the distribution of the Minutes.

CLERK.
